

CHAPTER NO. 912

HOUSE BILL NO. 2904

By Representatives Hargrove, Davidson, Lois DeBerry, Arriola, Rinks, McDonald, Kisber, Williams, Fraley, Hood, Miller, West, Fitzhugh, Maddox, Chumney, Sands, Bowers, Ridgeway, Stulce, Robinson, Ronnie Cole, Pruitt, White, Eckles, Cooper, Ritchie, McMillan, Lewis, Brenda Turner, Langster, Givens, Kent, Ralph Cole, John DeBerry, Ulysses Jones, Sherry Jones, Brooks, Windle, Walley, Boyer, Armstrong, Odom, Bittle, Newton, Haley, Pleasant, Mike Walker, Kernell, Raymond Walker, Boner, Dunn, Sargent, Patton, Davis, Ford, Huskey, Godsey, Mumpower, McAfee, Brown, Caldwell, Ferguson, Winningham, Roach, McKee, Whitson, Hargett and Mr. Speaker Naifeh

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3131

By Senators Crutchfield, Rochelle, Springer, Harper, Cohen

AN ACT to enact the Safe Schools Act of 1998 and to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3 and Chapter 6.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Safe Schools Act of 1998.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4302, is amended by designating the first sentence to be subsection (a), the third, fourth and fifth sentences to be subsection (b), and the second sentence to be subsection (c) (1).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4302, is further amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(c)(2) The grants provided for in subdivision (c)(1) shall be distributed as follows:

(A) Funding would be available to each local education agency in the same percentage that the local education agency's share of BEP funding bears to statewide BEP funding.

(B) Funding would be subject to a twenty-five percent (25%) match by the local education agency, adjusted for the local education agency's fiscal capacity under the BEP formula. The match requirement could be satisfied by local or contributed funds or by personnel or other in-kind expenses assumed by the local education agency.

(C) State funding would also be subject to submission by the local education agency to the school safety center of a proposed plan of expenditures to accomplish one (1) or more of the provisions specified in (c)(1), an approval of that plan by the center. The center should not unreasonably withhold funding, but should allow local education agencies adequate flexibility to experiment so long as the basic requirements of this section are satisfied.

(D) Any funds appropriated for this program in any fiscal year and not expended shall be carried forward for such purposes in future

fiscal years. Any allocation for a local education agency which is not applied for or is not successfully applied for in any fiscal year shall not be carried forward for the benefit of that local education agency in subsequent fiscal years, but shall be carried forward for future expenditures under this program in future fiscal years.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: **April 22, 1998**


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 7th day of May 1998


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